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No. 1

Mr. Coutts

ON Monday evening, September 3, there passed away in the City of New York, one of Moose Jaw's most respected cities.



zens, Mr. Richard D. Coutts, formerly Vice-Principal of the Moose Jaw Normal School. The funeral took place September 6, at Georgetown, Ont.

He was born in March, 1869, at Valetta, Kent County, Ontario, and received his early education at public school

No. 2, Tilbury, and at Chatham Collegiate. Upon graduation from Chatham Collegiate he won the Tye gold medal for highest standing in classics and modern languages.

After a year at the University of Toronto he attended Model School at Chatham and for three years held the position of senior teacher in the public school department of Newcastle Union high school.

He then returned to the University of Toronto and graduated in 1894 with honors in classics. He later held the classical mastership of Harriston High School, leaving it to assume the principalship of Georgetown High School in 1897. This position he held for seventeen years.

In 1914 he came to the West, assuming the principalship of the Collegiate Institute at Moosomin, Sask., and in 1915 he became inspector of schools in the Assiniboia inspectorate. During the following 12 years, besides acting as inspector of schools, he assisted each winter in short or long term Normal Schools, except in 1919, when he conducted a survey of

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Staff Notes

UPON a visit to the Normal one would find not a very great change in the staff. There have been two temporary changes, however. They are:

Miss Smith, having won a scholarship in nursing, is at present studying in London, England. It is interesting to note that only two scholarships were awarded to Canada and Miss Smith was successful in winning one of these. Our heartiest congratulations, Miss Smith.

Mrs. Stella Groomes, Secretary of the Normal School, has been taken ill. We wish to convey to Mrs. Groomes our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Brown is Room Master of Room D this year. He is teaching School Management and Mathematics.

Mr. Murray is Room Master of Room A and is having a busy time teaching Psychology, History of Education, Nature Science and Geography.

Mr. Gagne is Room Master of Room E. Mr. Gagne is teaching Art, Philosophy of Education, and History Methods.

Mr. Stewart is Room Master of Room B. This year Mr. Stewart is teaching Literature, Composition and Grammar.

Mr. Bevan is teaching Music and Public Speaking.

Miss Shaw is Room Mistress of Room C. Miss Shaw is teaching Home Economics, Citizenship and Health.

Sergeant Cummings is still putting the classes through their paces in the gymnasium.

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NOTE—The Editor has been able to issue only one paper per year because the response of the members of the Society in March was not great enough to warrant another issue. The paper is sent to your home address in February and if your copy of the first paper has been mislaid another may be had by writing to Gordon Baker, 876 Elgin Ave., Moose Jaw.

Room A

ROY Atkinson is teaching this year at Mantario. He is living in a teacherage and says he likes the school very much but "batching" is the "bunk," so would like to get in touch with an unemployed teacher who is a good cook.

Herbert Calver is leaving his school near Dubuc at Christmas to finish taking his Grade XII.

Jean Allcock, of the Allcock Sisters fame, is teaching this year about six miles south of Asquith. She has a much lighter school this year, while Gwen has returned to her school near Coleville.

Elizabeth Armstrong also returned to

her same school near Swift Current.

Helen Bachmeier is fortunate in teaching the intermediate room in her home town of Lemsford.

Violet Bradley is at her same school near Woodrow. Violet has thirty-two pupils

Isabelle Bradley is still in Toronto. Her address is 18 Elm St. W.

Margaret Brock continued this year at

her school near Penzance.

Marion Clampitt is teaching in her home school at Woodrow. She has a lovely school, twenty-three pupils, eight of whom are her brothers and sisters.

Gladys Cockburn is teaching at Tribune,

having left her school at Empress.

Irene Gaudet is still teaching at St.

Isidore de Bellevue. Elsie Currie is studying Fifth Form work

in Toronto.

Leone Demorest has been teaching near Mortlach, but is leaving at Christmas because the school board is financially embarrassed.

Gwladys Davies has been teaching near Kyle since February. She has thirteen

pupils and nine grades.

Renetta Buhr is employed as an invoicer in the Central Wholesale Grocery, Saskatoon, and is very busy. During the summer she had a trip through Banff, Lake Louise, Vancouver, Seattle, Portland and

Spokane.

Jean Coutts is still enjoying teaching at Broadview. During the summer, Jean was east to Ontario and New York City. While in New York she was with Mr. Coutts before his death. Jean has received many letters of sympathy from our Normal Class and would like to thank them for their thoughtfulness.

Jessie Babcock is at Lake Valley school

again and enjoying the work.

Eva Clarke is teaching thirty-two pupils

Room B

THIS year most of the B's were fortunate in securing schools, and practically everyone is teaching except:

Gordon Hamilton, who has apparently left the profession and is working for the British American Oil Co. in Toronto; and Edith Gibson, who has the honor of being the first bride of Room B, and is now Mrs. Foster Logan of Gull Lake.

Pauline Kostuik has been doing some substituting in schools near Shaunavon.

Dot Jewitt is teaching the same school near Webb; she has now nine pupils.

Edith Jackson is also teaching in the same school again near Adair.

Alice Hitchcock was fortunate in securing a position in Rouleau, teaching grades 3, 4 and 5.

In spite of a very heavy enrolment, Walter Hoshowski stayed with the same school near Vanguard.

Gladys Eidt is teaching near Bethune

again this year.

Violet Johnson started out the year at her school near LaFleche, but we hear she has been in Gravelbourg hospital lately. We hope by this time that you will be feeling better than ever, Violet.

Irene Haigh is teaching near Assiniboia at a place called Stonehenge. She attended the convention at Assiniboia, where

she met several other B's.

Hazel Garret is another one who is at the same school, Hazel's being near Crest-

Mildred Evans is in her home school near Prelate, teaching a class of thirty-three.

Anna Klevgaard is teaching in her home school too, in the Scout Lake vicinity.

Mildred Elliott was busy having a good time during her holidays when she wrote, but by now is likely hard at work in her school near Loomis.

Mollie Ediss is teaching near Morse, where she has been since about the end of last May. Prior to that she was helping in the Library at the Normal.

Quite a few B's are teaching near Maple Creek, Mary Kot being there this year also, at a place called Hatton.

Johnny Lentsch is coming up in the world, being assistant principal at Abbey. Fred Ennis is in the same school near

Ravenscrag Blanche Gibbings is still teaching near

Rosetown

Bob Lilly is teaching at Bladworth. Jack Lamothe has been teaching and

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Room C

A maiden whose stern occupation
Is training the youth of the nation,
Asks that you write to her, please,
Enclosing your fees

To cheer her in her desolation.

Seriously though, Room "C," we are in disgrace. There are a number who haven't written even yet. Here are those we have heard from:

Bill Lowe is still "plugging along" near Kerrobert.

Vera Nelson is teaching near Webb but spent her Christmas vacation in Vancouver.

Grace McCrie is teaching at Beach View S.D. She fills her spare time doing University work. Good luck, Grace.

Myrna Leslie is still at Eclipse S.D., near Aylesbury.

Cornelius Penner has graduated from country to town. He is in charge of the junior room in Main Centre.

Neva Proctor of "Snowwhite" fame is teaching south of Readlyn.

Ruby Peterson is working long hours at McCord.

Mary Lovely is still at Hazenmore teaching grades 5, 6 and 7.

Irene Morrough is enjoying her work near Kipling.

With forty-three on the roll, we find Ruth Kruger still teaching in Kelstern.

Catherine Muirhead started her teaching career last fall near Bengough.

Alvera Marzolff is at the same school, near Central Butte.

Laura McCaw is teaching at the Croft

school, near Regina.

Dot Law is a real "school marm," and

is still at Lewvan.

Joe Nelson is still teaching at Macworth.

Isabelle McTavish and Colma Murdoch

Isabelle McTavish and Colma Murdoch are pounding typewriters in a business college in Moose Jaw.

Bessie McGrath is still at the same school and likes it fine. It is near Dunkirk.

Marie Paskeriuk is teaching at Honeymoon, Sask.

From reports we hear that Ben McKinnon is teaching in the town school at Herbert.

Doug. Mitchell, according to reports, is teaching near Ormiston.

Ella Larson is still teaching at Instow, near Shaunavon.

Lillian MacDonald is in training in the Moose Jaw General Hospital.

Room D

MARION Rooney is at Marienthal, just two miles from the U.S. border. She has sixteen pupils and likes her work fine.

Let's go to Pennant and visit Olive Shaw. You will find her there as Mrs. Ray Graham.

Enid Titus is studying hard at Saskatoon, where she is attending University.

A little girl in grade four, living near Robsart, has Ruby Wright for her private

Jean Rutherford has twenty-one of the very best pupils at the Rolling Prairie school near Calderbank. She says walking two and one-half miles to school agrees with her.

Laurie Vicary is still at Coronach. He says his work is a little lighter this year.

To quote Rork Wigmore: "I'm at the last jumping-off place in Canada's Great Northland, a two-year-old village entitled Carrot River, where I instruct the youth of the nation to the higher realms of thought in a good old log school house."

Anne Roemer has a school north of Eyebrow, where she instructs seven boys and one girl.

Teaching seems to agree with Lillian Field at Lisieux.

Grace Smith still has the same school and it's a big one, too. She has thirty-seven pupils and ten grades. She reports lots of work.

If conditions improve, Ethel Thomson hopes to take a special course but at present she is at McCord, teaching the junior room.

Kay Ryder has changed schools and is now about seven miles north of Swift Current. Her school is new, seven pupils, and she is able to get home every week.

There are two D's near Briercrest; Helen Vickerson dashes to school on cold days to warm it for her ten pupils, but she says all the heat goes to the ceiling, so their feet nearly freeze. Genevieve Tysdal is at her first school, just four miles from Helen. She is living in a teacherage with her sister for company.

Clifford Smith is teaching near Drink-

Mabel Sutton is still trying to get her first school, and in the meantime is living on the farm near Sceptre. Best of luck, Mabel.

Margaret Thexton is working as a stenographer for her father and likes it fine.

J. Slater has changed schools but is still teaching near Parkbeg.

O. Turner is teaching near Central Butte. Anna Robinson is teaching near Eyebrow.

MR. COUTTS—(Continued from page 1) schools in French-speaking districts for the Minister of Education.

In 1927 he became a member of the staff of the Moose Jaw Normal School and in 1930 he accepted the position of vice-principal, from which position he retired

on superannuation in June, 1933. Shortly after his retirement, he and Mrs. Coutts sailed for Europe, planning to spend a year in travel. In January, Mr. Coutts was taken seriously ill in Athens, and soon after returned to New York for

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Friends and former students will long remember him for his sterling qualities of heart and mind. He was a great teacher, a loyal and generous friend, one of earth's noblemen.

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near Wood Mountain.

Lillian Bobiash enjoys teaching near Allan.

Aileen Carnrike is teaching near Fox Valley.

Emma Gareau is teaching this year at her home school at St. Isidore de Bellevue.

Madeleine Cudmore is still teaching in the wild and woolly Cypress Hills. She has seven pupils and her address is Ravenscrag.

Hazel Chapman is teaching near Chamberlain and is able to get home for the oc-

casional week-end.

Allan Bestrop is teaching near Ernfold. Wilf. Edwards is teaching near Meota. Harold Elliott is teaching near Ben-

Gordon Baker has been teaching near Crestwynd.

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"batching" near Gravelbourg.

Up at North Battleford Mildred Lloyd is apparently still looking for a school.

Dot Grainger, at her home in Angusville, Man., is still hoping for a school of her own, although she has been doing a considerable amount of substituting.

Marg. Haney is teaching a school near Cabri, where she has been since shortly

after Christmas last year.

Florence Hollings was busy with Christmas exams and concert in her school near Piapot, when she wrote.

Catherine Duffy is still doing steno-

graphy work at Ponteix.

Ross Hind is teaching about eight miles north of Moose Jaw.

Editorial

ONCE again the time has rolled around to the date when we try to reassemble our Normal year and to account for all our friends of those happy days. We have had a good response in general from the members of our Alumni Society but there are a few who have not written in. To these few we say, please write in to either of your room officers. It may not seem important to you that you don't write, but when there are six or seven from each room from whom we haven't heard, the total soon becomes large. If you do not knoww the addresses of your room officers, write direct to Madeleine Cudmore at Ravenscrag and our work will be much simplified. We try, however, to learn of the whereabouts of the forgetful members. Now, if you come in this class and find your name on the following pages and a mistake has been made as to your whereabouts, remember that the information we have was obtained from hearsay, and to the best of our knowledge is correct. The only remedy is to write and give us the correct details next time.

With this issue of the paper we are asking a few questions in connection with our reunion which is to be held some time next year. We shall of course hold it when it would be most convenient for the largest number of members to attend. It is important that these questions be answered and sent to Miss Cudmore at Ravenscrag by May 15 next. Note: Send the answers to Miss Cudmore and remember the date, May 15 next. The questions are as follows:

1.—What time is most desirable to you? That is, a day in the week beginning December 26, 1935 or a day in the week beginning July 1, 1936.

2.—Would you be in favor of having a joint reunion with the class of 1931-32; that is, the year before ours, if arrangements could be made?

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SOCIETY

Bank balance on Jan. 22, 1934 Cost of first paper	
Balance Fees collected	\$21.50
Balance Expenses, not including second paper	\$42.50 er 3.78
Balance in bank Jan. 31, 1935	\$38.72

